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replacement or deletion selected from the replacement or deletion of the amino acid residues respectively corresponding to the 11^{th} Tyr, 16^{th} Glu, 49^{th} Asn, 84^{th} Glu, 144^{th} Ser, 167^{th} Gln, 169^{th} Tyr, 178^{th} Ala, 188^{th} Glu, 190^{th} Asn, 205^{th} His and 209^{th} Gln [set forth in Claim 1], and the replacement of the amino acid sequence set forth in any one of Claims 2 to 3 [4] combined with each other.

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CLAIM 7: Line 2, change "any one of Claims 1 to 6" to --Claim

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CLAIM 10: Line 2, change "any one of Claims 1 to 6" to --Claim

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REMARKS

The amendment to the claims is to delete the improper multiple dependencies in order to place the application in better form prior to examination.

Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

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required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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